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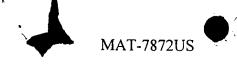
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- 1) JP 63-269894
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- 3) JP 5-199543
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References 1) and 2) were cited in a search report of the Japanese Patent Office in a patent application corresponding to the above-identified patent application. A copy of this Japanese-language search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office, is transmitted herewith. Also enclosed is an English translation of Form PCT/ISA/210 and English abstracts for each reference.

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